

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1314

By Camper

A RESOLUTION to commend Jude Laporte for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Jude Laporte is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Representative Karen D. Camper; Jude's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for Representative Camper and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a native of Port Au Prince, Haiti, Jude Laporte came to the United States at the age of nine and grew up in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Laporte moved to Nashville at the age of twenty-one and is presently a student at Tennessee State University where he is highly regarded by his peers and the university community; he has achieved academic success there while pursuing a degree in Political Science with a minor in Non-profit Management; and

WHEREAS, Jude Laporte is known throughout his community as a young devoted Haitian who seeks to actively participate in making a positive difference in the lives of Haitians in Haiti, as well as the United States; and

WHEREAS, a committed minister who works to improve the lives of people everywhere, Jude has helped promote a community-wide prayer service for the Haitian community in Nashville, as well as other nationalities; and

WHEREAS, he has also collaborated with Nashville's Hispanic community to organize fundraising activities and collect necessities such as food, clothing, and shoes; and

WHEREAS, Jude demonstrates his highly developed sense of social responsibility as the Executive Director of The Blessed Brothers, Inc., an organization devoted to helping people with mental disabilities, as well providing housing for low-income individuals; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Jude brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2010 session of the One Hundred Sixth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Jude has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Laporte has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and thank Jude Laporte for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Representative Karen D. Camper and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.